Losses incurred by public and private sector steel units

3012. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of public and private sector steel units which have been running in loss since the Eighth Five Year Plan, State wise;

(b) whether the production capacity of these units is not commensurate with domestic demand and export;

(c) whether Government have made any study in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the efforts made to improve the position; and

(e) the total value and quantum of steel imported during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Some of the major steel units in the public sector which have been running in loss since the 8th Five Year Plan are Rourkela Steel Plant of SAIL (Orissa) (except from 1992—1995), Durgapur Steel Plant of SAIL (West Bengal), Indian Iron and Steel Company, a subsidiary of SAIL (West Bengal) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (Andhra Pradesh). Among the major private sector plants, Essar Steel Ltd. (Gujarat), Lloyds Steel Ltd. (Maharashtra), Jindal Vijaynagar Steel Ltd. (Karnataka) and Ispat Industries Ltd. (Maharashtra) have incurred losses for some of the years after being set up.

(b) In India, the rate of growth of domestic demand and exports has not been able to keep pace with the increase in production of steel.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The total value and quantum of steel imported during the 8th Five Year Plan was as under:

(Qty in '000 tonnes)
(Value in Rs. crores)

Category	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
Saleable Steel	1116	1640	1153	1603	1936	2536	1834	3175	1797	3041